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2. ITALY: Possible Soviet moves to influence elections—US
Embassy Rome believes that a variety of reports suggest that
the USSR may at some time before the Italian elections: (a)
agree to the return of Trieste to Italy; (b) announce the placing
of Soviet industrial contracts in Italy that would benefit Italian
workers; and (c) renounce Italian reparations.

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Comment: believes that the USSR is unlikely to make any such diplomatic proposals until after the 18 April elections decide whether or not there is to be Communist representation in the Italian Government.)